GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MISUSE OF ADVANCE LICENCE SCHEME BY IMPORTERS OF SUGAR
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Customs authorities are aware that under the present advance licence scheme for sugar import many Indian traders import refined sugar marked as raw sugar to avoid hefty duty;

(b) if so, whether the modus operandi of the importers involved in import of refined sugar (Marked as raw sugar) has caused substantial revenue loss to the Government;

(c) if so, whether adequate testing/analysing facilities are in place at ports to assess the consignment quality of sugar imports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFFAIRS (GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.